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| Applicant(s)      | Chu et al.  | Examiner:       | Carlos A. Azpuru |
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| For:              | BIODEGRADABLE AND/OR<br>BIOABSORBABLE FIBROUS<br>ARTICLES AND METHODS FOR<br>USING THE ARTICLES FOR<br>MEDICAL APPLICATIONS |                 |                  |

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**STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEWS**

Sir,

Applicants' representative conducted interviews with Examiner Azpuru on April 14, 2005 and June 30, 2005, in connection with the referenced application.

**April 14, 2005 Interview**

During the interview of April 14, 2005, Applicants' representative advised that the Dzenis reference made no reference to biodegradable or bioabsorbable fibers and that the obviousness-type double patenting rejections were improper due to a restriction requirement in the parent file.

These arguments were made in writing in the Amendment filed April 18, 2005.

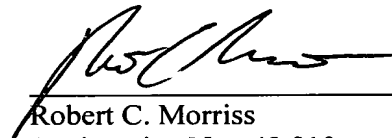
June 30, 2005 Interview

During the interview of June 30, 2005, Applicants' representative agreed to cancel claims 61-73 after Examiner Azpuru indicated they would be withdrawn by election by original presentation.

Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in all respects complete and in condition for a Notice of Allowance to be issued, which action is earnestly solicited.

If the Examiner has any questions concerning any aspect of this application, it is requested that the Examiner contact Applicants' representative at the telephone number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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